PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, I am thankful to you for giving me the opportunity.....

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Mr. Sathe has every right to change his stand.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Madam, Mr. Sathe said that middlemen were used for marriages. I think, we have to find one for Mr. Vajpayee.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: It is too late. He is a confirmed bachelor now.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I can only allow it if Mr. Bhagat is ready to work as a middleman.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: He is already doing that.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: I will do without commission. I assure you.

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RE. ENTRY OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT INTO AIRPORT

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, I am thankful to you for giving me this permission.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have to be very brief.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I will be very brief.

Yesterday night about 20 Members of Parliament wanted to enter the airport, the civil airport, the domestic airport. But, even after showing their identity cards, they were not permitted. At the same time, it is reported that even a Minister had problems in entering the airport. Therefore, I would request, through you, the Government to kindly do away with this practice of not allowing Members of Parliament. If there are security risks in this country, Madam, there is nothing that can be left.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): Is it a point of order or a special mention?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have allowed him.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: (Andhra Pradesh): For everything you get up and shout. This concerns everybody.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): The Chair has permitted him. How can you object?

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: You do not know when to shout. It concerns every M.P. Why do you get up and shout?

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: (Jammu and Kashmir): This concerns everybody.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Sit down.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Madam, I have been given permission by you.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, I allowed you.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Therefore, I would request the Civil Aviation Authorities to withdraw if there is any order prohibiting Members of Parliament entering into the civil airport.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: This is a joint demand.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): I support the demand.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: We support the demand.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Madam, I have got to submit ....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is no discussion on it.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: I have got to submit to you, this problem was discussed last week. The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs was present. It is becoming obnoxious for Members of Parliament to be barred by the security people for whatever reason. Madam, I would request you to direct the Minister of Home Affairs or Security, whoever he is, to come to this House because Mr. Chidambaram was there, he had apologised here. Even after Mr. Chidambaram has apologised, Madam, it is obnoxious that the security men are going to stop us. Either ask us to give these passes to you, and you do whatever you want to do, or say that we will have self-respect in this House and wherever we go as Members of Parliament.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: The Minister can say something on that.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Parliamentary Affairs Minister will convey these feelings of the hon. Members to the concerned Minister.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Madam, the Minister has come. Mr. Chidambaram had apologised. You are responsible. You have to take it up.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Sit down. आपको रिप्लाई सुनना है?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): I came at the end of what Mr. Kulkarni was saying. Madam, whatever the feeling of the House, I will take this and will see what is to be done.

(Interruptions)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You got your point. Your point is well taken.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Flood situation in Arunachal Pradesh

[The Vice-Chairman (Shri Jagesh Desai) in the Chair]

SHRIMATI OMEM MOYONG DEORI (Arunachal Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I am grateful to you for giving me this opportunity to make a special mention on a matter of public importance. Sir, I wish to bring to the notice of this august House that while in most parts of the country our brothers and sisters are suffering from the effects of severe drought due to complete failure of monsoons, but we in Arunachal Pradesh have been affected by floods of unprecedented magnitudes. The State of Arunachal Pradesh is one of the backward States and one of the youngest States of our country. Recently, we have been experiencing unusual rains and because of unusual rains we are having heavy floods. Many persons have been rendered homeless and several crops have been damaged.

Sir, Pasighat is one of the oldest cities of Arnachal Pradesh which is located in Siang district and the river Siang is eroding the banks of Pasighat very badly and the whole town is threatened. I request the Central Government to give us some aid for the affected people and also send some expert team to investigate into the cause of erosion of this river. Sir, Dambuk is one of the biggest villages in the valley of Arunachal Pradesh. The entire village is under water and many of them are marooned. The people have taken shelter in the nearby CRPF camps. You must have also seen in the newspapers that the North-Eastern region was completely cut off from the rest of the country and Itanagar, the capital of Arunachal Pradesh, was also completely cut off for four or five days